



## **New Jersey State Board of Education Names Fiscaro as Vice President**

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**Trenton, NJ** – The New Jersey State Board of Education has elected Joseph Fiscaro to serve as vice president. Fiscaro will replace former board vice president Ilan Plawker, who had served on the State Board since 2009 and passed away in July of this year.

A resident of Evesham Township in Burlington County, Fiscaro has served on the State Board since 2011.

"Joe has been an important voice on the State Board for the past two years, and is always driven by one concern – what is best for the students of New Jersey," said Education Commissioner Chris Cerf. "I look forward to working with him in his new role as Vice President."

"Joe has demonstrated his commitment to the State Board and its mission of ensuring every child in New Jersey is college and career ready by the time they graduate high school," State Board President Arcelio Aponte said after Fiscaro was named vice president at the board's September meeting. "His leadership and experience as an educator will be greatly needed to advance the work of the State Board."

Fiscaro currently is a staff member working in the special education unit of the Burlington County Institute of Technology in Medford. Previously, he was a teacher in the Philadelphia School District from 1972 to 2005.

He was a member of the Lenape Regional High School District Board of Education from 1993 until 2011, including serving as board president and vice president. He previously served on the Evesham Township Board of Education from 1988 to 1992, and he was a member of the New Jersey School Boards Association Board of Directors from 2009 to 2011.

Fiscaro holds a master's degree in Education from Widener University in Chester, Pa.; a bachelor's in American History from Widener; certification in Italian from LaSalle University in Philadelphia, Pa.; and K-8 Certification from Immaculata College, Immaculata, Pa.

Some of his other community service activities include serving as a member of the Evesham Township Municipal Utilities Authority since 2003; the Evesham Township Historical Preservation Commission from 1991 to 2003; the Evesham Township Recreation Advisory Committee from 1990 to 1992; and the Evesham Township Planning Board from 1990-1991.

He is married with one son and one grandchild.

The State Board is responsible for adopting the administrative code, which sets the rules needed to implement state education law. The 13-member board is appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the New Jersey Senate. Members serve six-year terms without compensation.